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>On December 20, 2000, The Weather Channel filed a letter with the
>Commission regarding "Request for Clarification Regarding the Aural
>Tone Requirements of the Commission's Video Description Rules, 47
>C.F.R. § 79.2(b)(1)(iii)." This rule states that "[e]mergency
>information that is provided in the video portion of programming
>that is not a regularly scheduled newscast, or a newscast that
>interrupts regular programming, must be accompanied by an aural
>tone." The Commission has explained that, if a broadcast station or
>multichannel video programming distributor (MVPD) provides emergency
>information through a crawl or scroll, it must accompany that
>information with an aural tone.

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>The Weather Channel seeks clarification that "it is in compliance
>with the aural tone requirement in 79.2(b)(1)(iii) of the rules when
>it provides an aural tone prior to the first time that it provides a
>particular crawl or scroll containing emergency information." The
>Weather Channel thus seeks clarification that it need not accompany
>each otherwise identical crawl or scroll with an aural tone. In
>the alternative, The Weather Channel seeks an exemption from the
>rules because it asserts that accompanying each crawl or scroll with
>an aural tone would constitute an undue burden.

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>Comments are due on or before February 27, 2001 and Reply comments
>are due on or before March 9, 2001.

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>The Weather Channel's petition along with the public notice can be
>viewed in its entirety on the Disabilities Rights Office web site

>at: www.fcc.gov/cib/dro.

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